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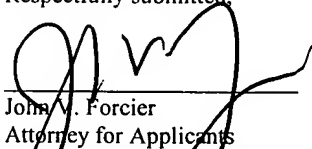
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are:

1. Transmittal Form (1 page);
2. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
3. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
4. Cited references B1-B3;
5. and a return receipt postcard.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
- ☐ the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00**, is included herein, or
- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **final action** or **notice of allowance** but before the payment of the **issue fee**, **AND**

- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **AND**
- ☐ the requisite petition fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p), namely **\$180.00** is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

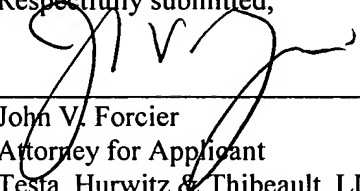
STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]:

- ☐ 1. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application **not more than three months** prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement; or
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	A1	4,408,403	10/11/83	Martin			08/03/81		
	A2	4,677,768	07/07/87	Benoit et al.			02/07/86		
	A3	4,811,503	03/14/89	Iwama			02/24/87		
	A4	4,955,149	09/11/90	Ottieri			11/22/88		
	A5	5,511,325	04/30/96	Hieblinger			05/27/94		
	A6	5,647,104	07/15/97	James			12/01/95		
	A7	5,678,331	10/21/97	Bonaventure			11/15/95		
	A8	5,934,599	08/10/99	Hammerslag			08/22/97		
	A9	6,032,387	03/07/00	Johnson			04/08/99		
	A10	6,052,921	04/25/00	Oreck			04/08/98		
	A11	6,351,897 B1	03/05/02	Smith			06/27/00		
	A12	6,378,230	04/30/02	Rotem et al.			11/06/00		
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	B1	WO 99/09850	03/04/99	PCT				N	Y
	B2	0 652 720 B1	07/23/97	EP				Y	Y
	B3	2,114,387	08/25/94	CA				N	Y
OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.									
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